

WORLD APPALLED  
BY CALAMITY OF

## ITALIAN CITIES

Hundred Thousand Dead and  
Scores of Towns Destroyed,  
Is Earthquake's Record.

## EXTENT OF DISASTER IS NOT YET KNOWN

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Reggio Obliterated, and Entire  
Population Perishes—Messina

### and Bay Ruined—Reports of Nature's Horror Still Coming In.

The King and Queen of Italy are now on their way to Messina, having

distress at the calamity, and he himself was the first to contribute a sum amounting to \$200,000 to the relief of the afflicted.

have been killed, as a number of the hotels at Messina, and doubtless at other places, were crowded with tourists. Little is known of the fate of the diplomatic representatives of the

of the towns, where, on account of the vast havoc wrought, bodies will lie unburied for days and weeks. Those who escaped death, many of whom are

The rock of Charybdis now blocks the entrance to the Strait of Messina.

Beacon, and they crashed into the sea.

**STUNNED BY CALAMITY**

ROME, December 29.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken fellow-countrymen, all Italians mourns to-night for the stricken provinces of Calabria and the Island of

but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute yesterday devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands.

day's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction, and burn alive untold numbers helplessly pinned beneath fallen walls and

The Strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and S.

and all lighthouses along the coast were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous, and in some places impossible.

gio was the centre of the earth's universe and the seat of heaven. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing, and the city proper is in ruins.

The loss of life on both sides of the

One of the refugees from Reggio, who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction, tried to make his way to Sicily in a sail boat but was compelled to return, and finally found

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